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It's currently reported in the news papers that the Democrats of Kansas are "filled with confidence." This is a new brand or blend.

Nicholas of Russia has something records have been stolen and are said be in the hands of the revolution-

Democratic nomination for the vice

count of a prize fight at some place in California. That state is welcome to all the glory it can get out of such

In practice the deliberations of the first session of the Republican party council seemed to be quite as cut and dried as those of previous state conventions when things were under the direction and supervision of a wellregulated "machine."

Ferdinand P. Earle, the artist of "affinity" fame, has been arrested for assaulting his soul-mate. Wife beating is generally to be deplored but the woman in this case has deserved something of the sort for quite a time, and so has Mr. Earle for that matter.

Both the Democratic and the Republican state platforms which were adopted here on Tuesday are exceedingly strong in promises and place the motives of the parties on high planes. Political parties are ever strong with ment, include the their promises.

two gentlemen of Republican tendencies and pugilistic proclivities who satisfied their honor with the spilling of a little of each other's gore in the lobby of the Copeland the other day may be said to have at least qualified themselves for the position of base-

Chief Shippy of Chicago, announces that all the bad gamblers have been driven from that town. Just like Chicago. She never did have much toleration for anything but the best. Although it might be remarked in passing that it's the good gamblers who are the most successful in relieving the credulous of their bank rolls.

Women pay visits on each other for variety of purposes but it has been left to the women of Iowa to inaugurate and make popular a novel reason for visiting. Whenever a woman in Iowa now desires to shuffle off the mortal coll she calls at a neighbor's self there. Three suicides of this sort have occurred in Iowa lately.

Among other things, there will be an abundance of good nature and tutional because it unfairly differensmiles around the state Democratic headquarters during the campaign. General W. H. L. Pepperell is again to serve as secretary of the state committee. A Democratic state campaign without General Pepperell near the helm would certainly be a mournful affair.

Please mark this and be sure to keep it in mind. The gentlemen who controlled the first party council of the Republicans and therefore the the whole clause. present state organization of that party are "representatives of the people." The men who formerly had charge of the party's affairs were "pol-

professional hypnotist recently visited the headquarters of the Republican national committee and launched new scheme for Republican success He says he can mesmerize people easbut can make them do anything he made between the government and the mants them to. He proposed that he railroad companies years ago. This view carried to its logical conclusion, the manual that if these to acquire good habits. In these days girls don't think themselves shopworn until they have source, to attend unfriendly mass would seem to demand that if these

neetings and put the people attending them to sleep until after election day. This would certainly add to the gayety of the campaign. This man also might be valuable in working out on reluctant and hesitating contributors to the campaign funds.

WASTE LANDS TO BLOOM

If it is possible to create a genuin interest in anything besides party politics at the end of next September, Albuquerque, N. M., will demonstrate its ability in that direction, when between September 29 and October 10, the sixteenth annual session of the National Irrigation congress will be held there. It may be freely admitted that the occasion will be one of international interest, and coming, as it will, shortly after the meeting of the governors at Washington to devise plans for the conservation of the national resources of the country, by and with the guidance of the president of the United States its significance promises that which none of its predecessors could have given rise to.

At this time almost the entire country has been roused to the need for reclamation of the waste areas in the semi-arid regions of the west and the work already done in that di-rection has been of sufficient extent and has produced such striking results as to awaken an interest in many thousands of people who had hitherto regarded irrigation and land reclamation topics as of the dry-of-dust, not-to-bebothered-with variety. At Albuquer-que, next month, leading spirits of the territory, aided by railroad interests tributary thereto, and by federal officials at Washington who might naturally be expected to lend a hand, are to take up the general subject of reclamation of arid and semi-arid lands of the west, with a view to adding in a practical way to the areas under cultivation.

Among people of official or other

prominence to attend are the vice president of the United States, the secre tary of the interior, probably the sec retary of agriculture, the chief of the bureau of forestry and the engineer of the reclamation service, all of whom are expected to make addresses, tomore to worry about. His detective gether with a distinguished company of foreigners, among them engineers who have had practical experience in the work of irrigation and desert reclamation along the lines laid down by disappoint his friends and admirers that a number of representatives of on Tuesday last. He accepted the the diplomatic corps at Washington will attend the gathering. A primary object of the congress, of course, is to induce the house of representatives The news of a day does not seem and the senate to come to the further complete if it does not contain an ac- aid of the work which the irrigation congress has been carrying on for 15 years. In furtherance of this, there are to be offered as exhibits the eleven reclamation projects which the congress has fathered and worked for, some of which are completed, and others of which will be completed before the end of the year.

But there are 17 other like enterprises to be taken care of. The eleven which have been or are soon to be completed cost nearly \$19,000,000 and bring into use 500,000 acres of land, which was formerly desert. Altogether the 28 projects will reclaim nearly 2,000,000 press day. Don't curse about it, for we have attended to that part of the acres and, in round numbers, will cost about \$70,000,000. On March 1, last, engaged in these vast enterprises, there were employed at Washington, in office work, more than 4,400 clerks and others, in addition to the 10,780 laborers at work for contractors, the expenditure entailed being at the rate of \$1,000,000 a month. It may be added, incidentally, that the results of the activities of the irrigation congress, and the co-operaeight towns, the building of 100 miles of railway and the settlement of 14,000 persons on what was formerly desert and waste land, "where it was impossible to produce crops before water came."

It is some such exhibit as this which is needed to drive it all home to the appreciation of the people of the entire country, no matter how far they are removed from the region where arid lands are to be found, in order to make clear the vast importance to the country of the work in which the irrigation congress is engaged-for which reason the sixteenth annual session of this congress ought to, and probably will be an enthusiastic success

THE COMMODITY CLAUSE.

While the country awaits the decis ion of the courts as to the constitutionality of the commodity clause of the rate law, the lawyers for the railroad in the test case brought by the government are laying out their line of attack. The Reading Railroad company has just filed its answer in the house and takes poison or shoots her- suit. It declares that the commodity clause is so loosely drawn that, even if the principle is established by the court, it cannot be intelligently enforced. It holds the clause unconstitiates between classes of commodities; that while the law prohibits railroads from carrying, except for their own use. any commodity of which they are the owners, the important exception is made of timber and manufactured products. The Reading says in effect that it is unfair for the government to prohibit one company from carrying its own coal and permitting another to carry its own lumber. This apparent favoritism, the answer says, invalidates

A possible reason for the exemption of timber in the rate law is offered by Professor W. D. Lewis in a recent article in the Harvard Law Review. To iticians." There's quite a distinction encourage the building of railroads in this but the difference is not unusthe government gave great tracts of timber land as subsidies. This legal writer holds it only fair to the com-panies which still retain parts of this land to allow them to transport the product of their timber tracts to market. To deprive them of this right fly and not only can put them to sleep would in effect be violating the contract

derlying their grants they should be allowed also to transport the coal to market. But all his is a matter for the courts and the lawyers. Meanwhile the government is allowing the commodity clause of the rate law to stand on the statute books as a dead letter.

JOURNAL ENTRIES

The average self-made man needn't worry about taking out a patent.

Many a courtship runs on until the girl is nearly frantic for a chance to say "no."

A woman has a phonograph beaten several blocks in that she can talk for hours without any winding up. If a young lad had his choice he would probably prefer to be called a billy-goat rather than "a precious little lamb."

A bachelor is worse off than a mar-ried man because the latter is afraid of only one woman while the former is afraid of all of them

JAYHAWKER JOTS

A farmer living near Larned raised a crop of wheat this year which averaged thirty-three bushels to the acre. The Marshall County News declares that Bristow was defeated by a majority of 1,200. It referred, however, to the county seat fight between Bristow and Sapulpa, in Butler county, Oklahoma.

Stubbs, Bristow and the corn crop all made a landing in one week. "That ought to be enough for anybody," says the Jewell County Republican. At any rate the majority of the people appear satisfied, is the conclusion of Mr. Bristow's paper.

David Leahy, editor of the Wichita Eagle, finds himself the Democratic nomines for coroner of Sedgwick county. The space was blank on the primary ballots and a few of Mr. Leahy's friends wrote his name in. Some wags also nominated "Sam" Amidon for justice of the peace by the same means.

It's the opinion of the Wichita Eagle that to be perfectly honest about it Salina would prefer to be known as the town having a pennant winning baseball team rather than to be spok-en of as the home of a United States John W. Kern, of Indiana, did not modern science. It is expected, also, nal on this subject would be interest-

> In the past two years we printed a number of stories that the new people had gotten "on" the old timers, but here it is where the old timer has come through again: A bunch of men who had located in the bunch of men who had located in the country during the last two years were talking when one of them turned to an old timer and asked: "Say, did you ever see such weather as this before and did it last so long?" "Yes sir," replied the o. t. as he delivered about a quart of tobacco juice at a swarm of flies feeding on a banana peeling in the street, "Saw the warm breezes ward to seek to curb his traffic. He is the one man doing a bust-

Says the Spring Hill City Era: "We are late again this week after having made every effort to get our vile sheet out on time. Our masoline engine took a moody spell and 'nagged' all day on business for you all. Our engine is not an old trap of a thing, but is almost new, so we hate to take an ax and break in its ribs, although we confess that that is what we feel like doing. When Sciomon said that all was vanity and vexation of spirit he must have looked down the lane of time and have had some sort of an idea of what a gosoline engine would

Minn. has gone bust, while hundreds of other business concerns which have been kept alive by rallway discrim-ination, will close. The Minneapolis mill had the inside on railway rates and could ship Kansas winter wheat to that city, mix it with Minnesota spring wheat, make it into flour, ship spring wheat, make it into flour, ship it back to Kansas and undersell Kansas made flour. But the people have waked up and it being no longer possible for the Minnesota trust owned mill to secure special rates, it goes into the hands of a receiver, while from now on Kansas wheat will be ground by Kansas mills and the product sold on the market in honest competition with other mill products."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[From the Chicago News.] Man who marry for looks seldom get

Holidays are more pleasant in con-templation than in fact. A girl thinks a man is brave because he isn't afraid to swear.

But for our sorrows we si unable to appreciate our joys. A lot of men strive for fame becof the money that goes with it. A man is always willing to confess faults that he thinks he hasn't. Any man who sits around and waits for an easy job is a grafter at heart.

The only way a young man can make his money last is to make it first. Do you know of anything that is more unfriendly than friendly critic-

One of the first things an art student should learn to draw is his own con-

A shiftless man in a small town either harbors a lot of worthless dogs or plays a fiddle. A sugar-coated pill is one of the few things that successfully combine pleas-ure with business.

There would be less trouble in this world if people were permitted to be happy in their own way. When a man argues with a woman it seems that he doesn't know what he is talking about—from her point of view. It doesn't take much painting and upholstering to transform the average

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. [From the New York Press.]

voman into a handsome piece of furni-

It takes a smart girl to look pretty when she isn't. A good way not to understand a

When a girl knows you love her she always expresses doubt of it.

KANSAS COMMENT

SHORN BY THE SHEARS. In the course of his bankruptcy proceedings, Harry Thaw made public the amounts he had paid the lawyers who defended him at his various trials and examinations, and the figures illustrate the merciless rapacity of the men who, in rescuing him from the electric chair, consigned him to a lunatic asylum.

Haif a dozen lawyers have bled the Thaws for enough to make them wealthy, and lawyers are still dividing the spoils. Had they secured the young man his liberty, there might have been some excuse for them; had they remained loyal to him, after stripping him, they might deserve respect; but Thaw's condition is about as bad as it could be, and at every stage he has to engage new lawyers. The old ones seem to abandon him as soon as they receive their money.

A good many of Thaw's creditors will probably have to accept a percentage of what they claim is due them, but the lawyers will get everything that is coming to them. The miserable youth who wears out his existence in jails and asylums is worthy of compassion at least; poor, discouraged, fleeced, friendless, he has received far more than the usual punishment accorded the opulent slayer.—Emporia Gazette. Half a dozen lawyers have bled the

PRAISE FOR TAX COMMISSION.

The Ottawa Herald notes that the Kansas state tax commission is receiving all kinds of compliments from the taxing officials of other states for its work this year. A letter recently received from William R. Lloyd, secre-tary of the state tax commission of Alabama, is particularly complimentary. He wants a copy of every blank put out by the Kansas commission and says: "What the Kansas commission says: "What the Kansas commission and says: "What the Kansas commission has done would be a miracle in this state. It is wonderful and I want to know what means were employed to succeed in accomplishing it." With the progress that has already been made in establishing a fair basis for taxation in Kansas, one can but wonder at the hestitancy of earlier legistatures in attacking this proposition. At more than one of these sessions commissions were appointed to make a study of the problem of taxation, and report to the next legislature, but when these reports were submitted the legislators always hesitated to endorse them. Finally the beginning has been made, however, and the work should be pushed until ke have the fairest taxation system of any state in the Union, a task that is not impossible. Meanwhile it is some satisfaction to know that our efforts along this line are being watched in other states and applauded.—Leavenworth Times.

INSOLENCE OF THE BREWER. One of the nerviest exhibitions of the ill feeling of brewers toward Wichita is given by the Schuster Brewing Co. A Wichita man brought to The Beacon office today a check recently sent by the Schuster Brewing Co. for empty beer bottles. The company had gone to the extent of stampany had gone corner of the check these flies feeding on a banana peeling in the street, "Saw the warm breezes blowing just like these for about two months and the nit got worse."—Libness under liceuse who thinks he should run all night, all day Sunday should run all night, all day Sunday whom he pleases.—Wich-

FROM OTHER PENS

PROBLEM OF THE RAILROADS. Something is radically wrong in our industrial and railroad system when, in times of poor trae and money strin-gency, freight rates and labor charges must be increased. Ordinary economic laws do not work that way, hence there exists something very abnormal, if the railroads are to be believed. The com-panies are not to be implicitly believed, Bent Murdock says: "One of the however, as it is a well known fact Pilisbury flour mills in Minneapolis, that the railroads were the first to cut n the number of their empl and reduce expenses to meet the shrinking traffic resulting from the panic. If they have found it difficult to borrow money during the panic period, and are still compelled to be

period, and are still compelled to be content with less than they would like, their experience is not very different from that of most other people.

The main trouble with the railroads has been that during the period of great business development and expansion they stretched their credit to the limit and incurred much new indebtedness for extensions, that have not limit and incurred much new indebtedness for extensions that have not
paid as handsomely as was expected.
Being in many cases overcapitalized
they have suffered the inevitable consequences of such conditions, and must
now retrench and cut their coat more in
keeping with their cloth. Instead of
increasing freight rates and imposing
additional burdens upon business which
business can scarcely bear, theroads
should endeavor to increase their
traffic by improving their facilities and traffic by improving their facilities and giving shippers more consideration. An increase in rates would be resented in prosperous times, but at present, with business but barely showing a re-vival from the panic, the proposed in-crease will be fought in every possible

That the railroads have suffered not a little from ill-advised legislation is probable enough, but now that there is growing up a disposition to treat the growing up a disposition to treat the roads with greater fairness it would be very bad policy to again incite resentiment by imposing an additional burden upon every business man in the country and upon the masses who consume the goods transported, and thus revive legislative hostility.—New Orleans Picayune.

NEWSPAPERS AND LIBRARIES. Melvil Dewey, whose name is fa-miliar to most librarians in connection with his system of cataloguing, has been telling a Chautauqua audience something about the new function of

been telling a Chautauqua audience something about the new function of the library.

It is Mr. Dewey's pronounced attitude in favor of the daily newspaper, however, which marks his difference most clearly from the older ideas as to the function of a library. The modern daily newspaper, which is apparently merely tolerated in some libraries and almost wholly banished from others, is looked upon by Mr. Dewey as having more influence than the modern university in the education of mankind.

Such a dictum will be regarded by some librarians as little short of revolutionary. In the Astor library, for instance, the only newspaper available to the reader is the London Times, and it is handed out only by request and with evident reluctance. Investigators have also discovered that the Astor "takes in" another London newspaper, which, however, it is even more difficult to get a sight of than of the Times. There are bound volumes of the city newspapers, but the readers of the daily press of yesteryear as a rule are not numerous. New Yest World.

The King's English The King's English.

(By George M. A. Cain.)

Time was when Neilie Moore enjoyed two distinctions above the other pretty girls who sold everything conceivable from the counters of the big store on Sixth avenue. The first of these distinctions was that of being the cleverest manipulator of the latest slang. The second was that of being Michael Maloney's "steady company."

"Mr. Maloney, just over from Dublin."

Perhaps it was the unconventionality of her conversation that attracted the young Irishman from the start. Perhaps it was her fresh, young beauty. Perhaps it was the snap and go that marked all she said and did. At all events, Mike and Nellie were "steadies" from that evening forth. In another sense Michael Maloney was as steady a young man as ever became a citizen of New York, and when he was promoted to the position of manager in the branch store being his sweetheart became a real distinction for Neilie.

But shortly after Michael's promotion Neilie acquired a new distinction for Neilie More from Cork."

There is another matter as is worritin' me a bit more. Will ye marry me, Nellie More?

"Yes, Michael." She still held out for the full name.

It was somewhere near Fort Wadsworth that he pressed her little hand to his lips for the twentieth time as they say in a second or worritin' me a bit more. Will ye marry me, Nellie More?

"Yes, Michael." She still held out for the full name.

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Cancer Serum Discovery.

If it be true, as reported from St. Louis, that a serum has been discovered by a New York physician that will cure cancer, then the world will owe to him immeasurable gratitude.

Dr. Cleveland H. Schutt, one of the physicians at the city hospital, St. Louis, announces that two patients treated by him with the serum have been discharged as cured. They were received at the hospital some weeks ago suffering from cancerous growths in advanced stages. Monday last they were discharged, every symptom of the malady having disappeared.

Bacteriologists have long been searching for the cancer germ and an antitoxin for its destruction. Perhaps, with the exception of researches in the disease of consumption, no other form of illness has been given the attention of scientists that cancer has. And it has baffied them all. of scientists that cancer has. And it has baffied them all.

It is a terror to humanity because of its slow, yet deadly, growth. Attacking the vital tissues, the germs work through until each molecule is destroyed. Surgeons have been known to remove the stricken tissues when first attacked, and thus prevented subsequent visitation. Yet these instances have been few.

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Still, it rarely comes to the healthy individual. It is when one has been
weakened, his system unable to resist
the germs and bacteria of the air, that
he becomes a victim. So it is with
pneumonia, tuberculosis and rheumatism.

CHOICE OF OCCUPATIONS.

I would not choose to till the soil Or at a blacksmith's anvil toil Or creatures of their lives despoil. To furnish chops and steaks. I'd hate to sit and sew and snip Or over horses crack a whip Or with a mason's chisel chip Hard stone away in flakes.

I would not sail the ocean's brine, I'd want no soldier's life in mine, To bake or braw I would decline
If I were asked to choose.
I'd not care for the barber's trade
Nor would I work where shoes were I
At these pursuits I am afraid
My interest I'd lose.

From toil of all kinds I'd refrain; Hard labor goes against the grain I do not like to tax my brain Or soil my hands, I've found. I don't object to drawing pay, But if I had my choice I'd say, "Just give me three square meals and let me loaf around."

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Cancer Serum Discovery

-Chicago News.

cumb every year to cancer. When one knows he is possessed of the malady he knows, too, that there is little hope. The days to follow are days of misery and despair. And if there has been found a remedy for cancer's eradication, the discoverer will have added a blessing to all humanity.-New York American.

Life in Troubled Haiti.

Dislike of seeing others of their race prosper is a trait that crops out in the Haltian character in the frequent up-risings. In the majority of these the better class have no part, for the real aristocrats take no part in political af-fairs. Many of the Haitlan presidents have been both cruel and corrupt, and it seems surprising that the whole sys-tem of government has not crumbled

long ago.

The entire republic is governed by a network of generals, who hold in their hands the power of life and death. These men rule after a fashion of a school boy bully, and deal out justice in a cruel manner. It would be unfair not to say that some of these men are really capable and are doing the best they know for the welfare of their country; but these are hopelessly in

country; but these are hopelessly in the minority.

The Haitian official can do more exasperating things to annoy a foreigner, and give him more trouble in a politic way, than any other man in the same capacity on the globe. Demanding one's passport at the most inopportune times is his principal occupation just now, and if I had not felt absolutely sure that a Haitian officer feared the American government as heartily as he hated her citizens. I might, perhaps, hated her citizens, I might, perhaps, have been alarmed when, in Jacmel, two soldiers were sent out to bring me

two soldiers were sent out to oring in-before the commanding officer.

As I walked into the ill-smelling room, where a tawdrily dressed negro sat, the soldiers stacked their guns in the door, in order that I might not escape. This official demanded my passport, which he scrutinized carefully, at the same time eyeing me suspiciously. Then my camera must be opened and examined. Finally, after 15 or 20 minutes, I was allowed to go, but ever after that during my stay in the town I was under the watchful eye of a soldier.—C. R. Miller in Leslie's Weekly

Twice in a Minute.

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A minute after an electrical storm had halted a baseball game, in which he was playing. Robert Allemang, of Bloomington, Ohio, was knocked flat by lightning, which struck the ground a few feet from him. However, he at once regained his feet, and tried to climb a wire fence, when another flash came, the bolt hitting the barrier. Allemang fell as if pierced with a bullet. Unconscious, he was carried to a hotel, where he finally revived.

It was Allemang's third experience with lightning. He was struck three years ago.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Squirrels Are Weather Prophets,
John Linch of Oil City has a pair of
squirrels which he brought home from
the Oklahoma oil fields a year or two
ago, which he declares are infallible
weather prophets. On Friday morning he went to feed the animals and
they refused to be coaxed into the
open. He notified his wife that there
would be a storm later in the day and,
was ridiculed, as there was then no
outward indications of any bad weather. The downpour which followed
convinced the incredulous Mrs. Linch
that the squirrels were real weather
prophets.—Philadelphia Record.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS.

[From the Philadelphia Record.] The Lord also helps them that help others.

The man who is in love with him-self need fear no rival.

Even the high fiver must come down to earth once in a while.

THE EVENING STORY

when Mike had arrived from the Emerald Isle and had been made a clerk in the branch of the Amalgamated Tea Stores company all on the same day, he had been easily persuaded by some friends who had preceded him into the land of freedom to attend a dance of the Moonlight Athletic association in the evening. There Nellie had seen him, and, seeing, had been well—impressed.

"Who's the new Harp?" she had asked with well-disguised interest. Whereupon she was duly presented to "Mr. Maioney, just over from Dublin."

manager in the branch store being his sweetheart became a real distinction for Neilie.

But shortly after Michael's promotion Neilie acquired a new distinction which entirely eclipsed one of her old ones and certainly went far toward finishing the other. It all began innocently enough. No one would have suspected the results when she borrowed one of Laura Jean Libbey's novels. There was no sign of danger until she had got well on toward the end of the book.

In fact, at the middle of the second page the girl had handed the vol-

In fact, at the middle of the sec-ond page the girl had handed the vol-ume back to its owner with the com-ment. "I can't dope out this talk." But the other had urged perseverance, as-suring Nellie that she would get used to the "swell guy" talk of the story and that the tale itself was "somepun grand."

And, sure enough, at page 223 Nellie was shedding real tears over the sorrows of the heroine. She nearly forgot to wait on customers, so absorbed had she become. The worst of it was that she had become fascinated with the "swell-guy talk" itself. At the end of the book she began anew to study the lofty physics of the apply converse. the book she began anew to study the lofty phrases of the empty conversations, for she had been converted to the idea that really nice people used that sort of language instead of the very lucid style of her past colloquies. She instituted a process of self-reformation. She suddenly forsook the dances of the Moonlight Athletes. She went to night school classes in English

dances of the Moonlight Athletes. She went to night school classes in English. She attended lectures on English at the Settlement house. Her progress in the improvement of her conversational style was a thing to delight the hearts of the Settlement workers.

In two weeks she had got so far that, instead of remarking that it was a "swell day," she imparted to Mamie McDonnel that "the sup bids fair to McDonnel that "the sun bids fair to shed his illuminating rays unimpeded by nebular obstacles."

Mamie promptly admonished her to "come off the roof." One by one her old friends all forsook her and left her to the society of a pocket dictionary and grammar—and more of Mrs. Lib-bey. Her little brothers and sisters bey. Her little brothers and took to spending their evenings on the sidewalk, beyond her correcting in-

fluence—and palm. Her father and mother openly sighed Her father and mother openly sighed in relief when she sailed forth to attend her classes. But all these things only added zest to her earnestness by giving it a flavor of martyrdom. She had the makings of a real reformer.

It was when she undertook to reform Michael that she waded in the waters of real sacrifica to wincled. of real sacrifice to principle. Michael did not yet know how to wield the east side slang, but he had a brogue that could be cut only with an axe. And

side slang, but he had a brogue that could be cut only with an axe. And that brogue was incompatible with Nellie's new ideas of the refinement that must mark her future home.

At first she explained her lofty ambitions to her lover. He assented rather vaguely to the proposition. He even agreed to help her upward move, but his interest began to languish when she corrected his pronunciations.

For awhile he would repeat his words a second time with solemn earnestness. Then he merely said "all right," to her interruptions of his disquisitions, and went on with what he was saying. He was hard hit by Cupid's arrows, and was willing to stand for a good deal.

But on the evening when he had screwed up his courage to the point of asking that their relation as "steady company" be changed to that of a real betrothal, in spite of his misgivings about the recent changes in her makeup, she made a fatal mistake.

"Don't call me 'swate-hea-rt." she said petulantly. "It should be pronounced 'sweetheart." His while declaration of unbounded love had been given in language very different from that of similar declarations in the works of Mrs. Libbey, and she felt disappointed.

His response to her correction must

appointed.

His response to her correction must have been even more disappointing. The brief expletive used was more enlightening to Neilie than any other words could have been. It showed her that, in her beautiful programme of home refinement, of polite conversation, of high thinking and speaking, Michael Maloney was incapable of taking a part.

children of the siums, And, up to one remark, Nellie sat very erect and tried to look wise and not wish she was down to Coney Island with Michael Maloney.

After the making of that remark, Nellie sat rather limp, looked toward the door, and wished she were away almost anywhere. The great authority had stated distinctly that "the very best English spoken in the world is that of Dublin, Ireland."

With the directness of the American girl under such circumstances she made her way boldly to the tea store just at the time when the clerks had gone home, and Mike was there finishing up. She invested in a can of corn. Then she asked Michael if he would accompany her home.

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As soon as they were started she began her apology. "Michael, it is my desire to request your pardon for my own grievous errors as to your use of English. I have learned today for the first time that the inhabitants of the city of Dublin are the best examples of correct usage of our mother tongue." ongue."
"Is that so?" asked Michael, the

hopeful look fading, then swiftly re-turning as he looked at her. "I nivver gave much thought to the quistion.

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"Aw, quit yer kiddin," she said gayly. "I've got troubles of my own gayly. "I've got troubles of my own thinkin' what a dub I've been. Why. Mike I'd love you if you was a Dutch-man."—(Copyrighted, 1908, by As-sociated Literary Press.)

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Binks (who ordered a pancake half an hour previously)—Er-I-say, will that pancake be long? Waitress—No, sir; it'll be round. Then he waited patiently another half hour.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"I will give you a penny if you'll promise to be good while I'm away. Johnny."
"What'll you give me if I'll be good when you get back home?" "Til give you something if you are not good then."—Houston Post. Tommy-Pop, a rooster doesn't hair, does he? Tommy's Pop-No, son. Tommy-Then what good does him to have a comb?-Philadelphia ord.

Musician—What makes you think that women are better planists than men? Non-musician—Their arms are not so strong.—Cleveland Leader.

Tess-Mr. Dudley is very attentive to you, I notice. I suppose congratulations will soon be in order. Jess-They're in order now. Tess-Indeed? Jess-Yes. I rejected him last night.—Philadelphia Press.

Knicker-How does that church take up such a large collection? Bocker-Was it taken up by a waiter?-New York Sun. "Madam," said the dog catcher, "you will have to buy a muzzle for that dog or I'll take him to the pound." "We have a muzzle for him. but Wille is using it as a catcher's mask."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Do you think the world is growing worse?" Dunno as 'tis," responded the old man. "They're tellin' the very fish stories I heard when I was a boy."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Barkeep-Wot'll yeh have? Stoodent B-Got any champagne on ice. Barkeep-Sure. Stoodent B-Gimme a nickel's worth of ice.—Cornell Widow.

Stella—There is to be a porch campaign Bella—Well, the Secretary will need a mighty strong hammock.—New York Sun. The Grocer-What is it you're grumbling at anyhow? D'ye want the earth? The Customer-No, sir, I don't; certainly not in the sugar.—The Tattler.

"What's that big building over there?"
"That's the Home for Aged and Indigent
Persons Who Have Been Mentioned for
the Vice Presidency."—Cieveland Plain
Dealer.

It's all right to marry blindly if only you can be sure of staying blind.—Puck.

GLOBE SIGHTS. [From the Atchison Globe.] Carelessness causes more wrecks

Another thing a woman always hates: a stepfather. Some people never get to the front, because they stop and talk too often. A vegetarian in town always refers to a meat market as the "morgue." If a man occasionally escapes pun-ishment when he deserves it, it will be made up to him when he does not

deserve it.

The older a man grows, the earlier he decides every day that he will do the thing which will make him a great man, tomorrow.

Maloney was incapable of taking a part.

The older a man grows, the earlier had been been as the error of continued friendship. The venture of matrimony would be perlicus where dispositions were so widely at variance. She hoped that he would remember her as she would remember her as she would remember her as she would remember him, etc., etc. She had a good deal of Mrs. Labbey by heart.

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No more did she suggest to her mother that she needed exercise when also came home in time to hear one of the younger Mores being sent on an errand to the tea store.

No more did she arrive at that emporium of close-priced groceries just at the hour of closing. No more did she walk the shaded bowers of Stuyvesant square leaning upon Michael Maloney's manly arm, not for a while. She spent as till greater amount of her spare time at the Settlement house, improving her English, for a while.

If was one Saturday afternoon in July that she sat in a front seat in 1 July that she sat in a front seat in 1 lecture hall of the institution for it the improvement of herself and other Noelies Mores. A very famous authority had condessended to speak to the limit of the search of the truth. The world is good enough, and we cannot improve it by weak senting the truth and we cannot improve it by weak senting the truth. The world is good enough.